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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-24 and 27-28 remain in the application. Claims 24 and 28 have been amended. Claims 25-26 have been cancelled. Since the rejection to claims 1-23 and 27 has been reversed in the Decision on Appeal dated March 4, 2005, claims 1-23 and 27 are believed to be allowed. Claim 28 has been previously withdrawn and is now believed to be allowable because it depends on allowed claim 1, which is believed to be generic. Claim 24 has been previously withdrawn. Method claim 24 has now been amended to correspond to allowed product claim 1 and rejoinder of method claim 24 is, therefore, requested under MPEP 821.04 ("if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined").

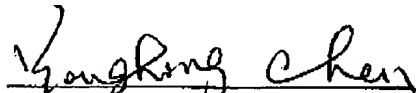
In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance to claims 1-24 and 27-28 is solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

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If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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